

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream: A Statue and THE Stone

Daniel 2:31-49

Daniel: God's Sovereign Rule Over the Nations, part 5

- The times of the Gentiles begins with Nebuchadnezzar and the rise of Babylon, and it will conclude with the coming of Christ (Luke 21:24).
- This miraculous prophecy gives a panoramic view of the scope and hope of human history from the days of Nebuchadnezzar to the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

1. The Dream Divulged, v.31-35

A. The Great Statue: The Kingdoms of Men, Daniel 2:31-33:

- 1.) Babylon: The head of pure gold, 605-539 BC
- 2.) Medo-Persia: The chest and arms of silver, 539-331 BC
- 3.) Greece: The Belly and thighs of bronze, 331 BC-146 BC
- 4.) Rome: The Legs of iron, 146 BC-395 AD
- 5.) Revived Roman Empire: The Feet & Toes part of iron and part of clay, Future

B. The Great Stone: The Kingdom of God, Daniel 2:34, 35

2. The Dream Decoded, v.36-45

A. The Great Statue, v.36-43

- 1.) Delegation of Rule, Daniel 2:37
- 2.) Domination of Rule, v. 38 - 40
- 3.) Deterioration of Rule, v.39-43 This is represented by the declining value of material.
- 4.) Disintegration of Rule, v.35, 44

B. The Great Stone, v.44-45

- Here is the preview of the coming of God's Kingdom in relation to the governments of men.
 - 1.) Future, v.44a: Christ will come during the days of the kings represented by the "ten toes" or a Revived Roman Empire.
 - 2.) Supernatural, v.34, 45: Origin of God's Kingdom Cut out without hands.
 - 3.) Indestructible, v.44b: It will never be destroyed or absorbed into another kingdom after it.
 - 4.) Earthly, v.44c: It completely and entirely replaces those kingdoms.

5.) Judgment, v.34,35, 45: It will come with crushing judgment against the nations.

6.) Suddenness, v.34-35: God's kingdom does not evolve gradually through the evangelistic or social programs of the church.

John Phillips says, "Christ's kingdom will come, not by evolution ... but by divine intervention."

7.) Power, v.34,35: it strikes the image with such force that the entire image is pulverized and blown away like chaff.

8.) World-wide, v.35: This kingdom will not co-exist with other kingdoms, but it alone fills the whole earth.

9.) Triumphant,

10.) Certain, 45c: